

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/07/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,14 and 15 are allowed and renumbered as 2,3 and 1 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 6, 14 and 15 allowed and renumbered as 2, 3 and 1 respectively.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With respect to claim 15, the instant invention is directed to a terminal equipment connected to a cable television station of cable television to receive a cablecast signal for television programming delivery system and a master terminal including a first tuner and second tuner and a slave terminal for receiving signals transmitted from the master terminal. The relevant prior art of records, such as **Streck et al (4,916,532)** teaches a television local wireless transmission and control. **Lownes et al (6,137,539)** disclose digital television and VCR status display. **Moss et al (5,485,370)** disclose home services delivery system with intelligent terminal emulator. **Zou (6,684,401)** discloses method and system for independent incoming and outgoing message dispatching in a home audio/video network. **Eytchison (6,363,434)** discloses method of managing resources within a network of consumer electronic devices. However neither **Streck, Lownes, Moss, Zou** nor **Eytchison**, and any of the cited references teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the feature of "a message signal outputting means for outputting a message signal for displaying a selected state of the selector subsection on a second television receiver, to transmit the message signal through the radio-transmitter section to the slave terminal, the message signal indicating that the image signal is prevented from being transmitted when the selector subsection is switched to send the image

signal from the second tuner section to the picture-recording device," as recited in combination other features with respect to independent claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Humpleman (6,493,874) discloses set-top electronics and network interface unit arrangement.

Gibbs (6,452,935) discloses stream allocation in home networks.

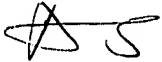
Sizer II et al (5,727,053) system and apparatus for recording and displaying received information at a remote location.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Annan Q Shang** whose telephone number is **571-272-7355**. The examiner can normally be reached on **700am-500pm**.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **John W Miller** can be reached on **571-272-7353**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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